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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Lisa Cooper
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State of Nevada - Board of Massage Therapy
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Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Cooper:

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork ("NCBTMB") recently became aware of an article titled, "Rebuke of Nevada's Board of Massage Therapy" dated July 26, 2010, written by Steve Miller. In this article, Mr. Miller states that, "After hundreds of Asian 'massage therapists' with certificates of completion from a California massage school were approved to work in Las Vegas neighborhood massage parlors, the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, the private trade association that oversees accreditation of all U.S. massage schools, has issued a strong rebuke to the Nevada Board of Massage Therapy." This statement is wholly untrue. First, NCBTMB strongly supports the State of Nevada Board of Massage Therapy and the important role that it plays in licensing and regulating the practice of massage. NCBTMB shares common goals with the Nevada Board especially in regards to protection of the public and upholding professional standards of conduct. To put it simply, NCBTMB did not rebuke the Nevada Board. NCBTMB's intent in sharing its letters of decision regarding California schools was to ensure that the Nevada Board, as the main body for licensing and regulation, was made aware of information critical to its mission. NCBTMB will continue to share such decisions with the Nevada Board.

Mr. Miller is also incorrect in his statement regarding NCBTMB's authority relative to massage schools. NCBTMB does not "oversee accreditation of all U.S. massage schools." NCBTMB is a private, nonprofit organization that administers a national certification program for massage and bodywork practitioners. Individuals who are eligible for the national certification credential must meet certain educational requirements. In order to ensure that students are meeting its educational requirements, NCBTMB provides an Assigned School Code to those programs which meet its operational and curriculum requirements. However, the assignment of a school code does not constitute an approval, licensure or accreditation of the program.

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NCBTMB looks forward to continuing to work with the Nevada Board in its areas of common concern in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Lindamood
Chief Executive Officer

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